Varsity team defeats Devils

The Raider varsity basketball team lost a 68-67 decision to a second-half, come-from-behind effort by Buckingham Saturday, after recording a 50-49 overtime victory in Friday's game against Rustburg.

The Raiders fought Rustburg steadily throughout Friday night's game. With time running out, however, Rustburg had a three-point lead. With two seconds left, Raider Tim Austin drove in to the Red Devil goal, went up for the two points, and was fouled in the process. Austin completed the three-point play, tying the game at 45-45 and sending it into overtime.

In the overtime period, Austin scored on two freethrows, and Mike Jackson hit a field goal and a freethrow to help theRaiders outscore Rustburg 5-4 and take the victory.

Jackson was high scorer in the game for the Raiders, with 23 points. Ricky Miller scored in double figures as well, with 12 points. Others scoring for the Raiders were Austin with seven points, Todd Scruggs with four, and Bobby Carter and Gary Ferguson, with two points each.

Scoring in double figures for Rustburg were Chris Charlton with 17 points, and Jerry Franklin with 12.

Appomattox hit 23 field goals and went four of 11 at the freethrow line against Rustburg.

Saturday night's game against Buckingham saw victory slip from the grasp of the Raiders, as Buckingham became red-hot and roared back from a 19-point deficit to claim victory 68-67 in the fourth quarter of play.

"We had a 19-point lead starting the fourth quarter," commented Coty Dickerson, coach. "But the game got out of control. We took a few shots that we shouldn't have, then we got away from doing everything that had given us the lead. We got away from playing team ball, and started playing 'street' ball. At the same time, Buckingham started shooting the ball extremely well."

Buckingham's Will Gowin hit two freethrows with six seconds left in the game, giving the Knights a 68-67 lead. Raider Tim Austin got off a shot as time expired for the Raiders, but the ball would not go through the basket.

Three Raiders scored in double figures against Buckingham: Mike Jackson had 20 points, and Ricky Miller and Timmy Austin had 14 each. Gary Ferguson and Bobby Carter scored eight points each for the Raiders, and Tyrone Abbitt scored three.

Mike Walters was high scorer for Buckingham, with 21 points. Will Gowin and Shawn Woodson added 14 each for the Knights.

The Raiders hit 26 field goals and were 15 of 23 from the freethrow line.

This week, the Raiders were scheduled to play Gretna Tuesday evening after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Friday evening, the team is scheduled to play William Campbell at home, and Saturday evening, the Raiders are scheduled to play Liberty at home. The games start at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Equus Club meeting set

The Equus Saddle Club of Appomattox will begin its fourth year with a monthly meeting to be held on January 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch.

Following a short business meeting, the movie, "Mr. Decathalon" will be shown.

The 1983 show season resulted in many ribbons being won by club members.

"We again wish to thank our merchants and friends who so generously supported our efforts at Toga to bring quality horse shows back to our community," said W. Eugene Bell, spokesman for the club.

Agee makes dean's list

Edward Agee of Appomattox has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester of 1983 at East Tennessee State University, according to a release from the university.

Agee is among 459 students who earned a place on the dean's list for the fall semester.

Students named to the dean's list carried a minimum load of 14 semester hours and made all A's or all A's except for one B. Dean's list members with one B must have recorded A's in more than half the hours carried.

RAY NOBLE (left), representing the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squads, accepts check from Dennis Totty, representing the Evergreen Ruritan Club, in the amount of $100 to assist in the volunteer squad's operations. The funds for the donation were taken from money raised by the Ruritans in their various club activities. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Jayvees lose two tight ones

The Raider jayvee basketball team lost two close contests last week, with a 55-53 loss to Rustburg Friday night, and an 85-69 loss to Buckingham which was more of a contest than the score indicates.

Appomattox led Rustburg through most of Friday night's game, but in the waning moments of the contest, the jayvee Red Devils came back, and forced two turnovers which allowed them to gain the lead with time running out.

The Raiders did get a last-second shot, but it did not go in, and the Red Devils had successfully pulled off the come-from-behind win.

Jack Baker was high scorer for the Raiders with 17 points. Cleve Jones had 14 points for Appomattox, and "did an excellent job rebounding," according to coach John Pettyjohn. The coach also commended Alex Almond for his performance at the point guard position against Rustburg.

Against Buckingham, the Raiders trailed by a small margin until Jones and Baker, who were leading rebounders for Appomattox, fouled out late in the game. From that point, Buckingham's height advantage allowed the Knights to snag most of the rebounds and extend their lead to the final 85-69 margin.

Alex Almond was high scorer for Appomattox with 24 points, and Darren Talley, with 16 points, and Cleve Jones with 10 points also scored in double figures for the jayvee Raiders.

"We were behind by only two points when Jones and Baker left the game," noted Pettyjohn. "The boys coming off the bench did a good job for us against Buckingham," Pettyjohn added.

While the jayvee team has not won a game, the coach notes that "there has been steady improvement, and every member of the team contributes more each week."

Pettyjohn adds that the Raiders "have a good attitude, and are working hard."

The team was scheduled to play Gretna Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline.

The team is scheduled to play William Campbell Friday and Liberty Saturday. Both games are scheduled to be played at home, beginning at 6 p.m.

IRS outlines 1983 forms

Internal Revenue Service estimates 2,227,000 individual income tax returns for 1983 will be filed by Virginians. Approximately 4,900 returns will come from the Appomattox area, according to IRS.

The 1983 forms reflect changes made to facilitate processing, cut costs, and permit individuals to use shorter forms. The content of the Form 1041EZ, for single individuals with no dependents, remains the same for 1983. The format for entering amounts has changed so that the forms can be machine-scanned in a process called optical character recognition (OCR). The OCR scanner can read characters at the rate of 2,000 per second.

The Form 1040A--the so-called "short form" -- has been expanded to include payments to an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) and the credit for child and dependent care expenses. This change will allow approximately 1.4 million individuals nationwide who used the longer Form 1040 last year to use Form 1040A this year.

The Form 1040 is substantially the same as last year. Form 2441, **Credit For Child and Dependent Care Expenses**, has been greatly simplified.

The forms reflect the following changes in the tax laws:

-The deduction for a married couple when both work has increased to a maximum of $3,000 (10 percent of the qualified earned income of the spouse who earns less) ; and

-The itemized deduction for medical and dental expenses is limited to expenses exceeding 5 percent of an individual's adjusted gross income. Medical insurance premiums are also subject to the 5 percent limit.

-Deductions for casualty and theft losses are allowed only if the losses are more than 10 percent of an individual's adjusted gross income.

Additional information on these topics and other changes appears in the instructions which come with the tax package.

The IRS says that processing a return will be faster if an individual uses the pre-printed label on the tax package and the envelope provided with the tax form. Common errors which delay processing include mathematical errors.

The Internal revenue Service will continue to provide toll-free telephone service and walk-in assistance to taxpayers. The hours for the Lynchburg office are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, the IRS will offer group return preparation assistance in local communities during and after normal working hours and on weekends at schools, libraries, and other public or business locations as part of its Outreach Program. Return preparation instruction will also be offered to groups by local IRS offices.

The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-424-1040 and can be found in the white pages of the local telephone directory. The Tele-Tax telephone number is 1-804-771-3260; a list of the taped tax topics can be found in the Tele-Tax booklet available at many banks and libraries and in Publication 910, "Taxpayer's Guide To IRS Information and Assistance."

Tobacco group to meet

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower-owned organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco, will hold its 26th Annual District Meeting for Virginia growers in South Boston, Virginia. Roy B. Davis, Jr. of South Boston, Director from Virginia, and Fred G. Bond, General Manager, jointly announced that the meeting will be held in the American Legion Home on Wednesday, Feb. 8, beginning at 2 p.m.

Davis noted that flue-cured tobacco growers have completed their second season under the No Net Cost Tobacco Program. During the 1983 season, many areas throughout the flue-cured belt were affected by drouth conditions which reduced the crop available for market. Also in 1983, new legislative changes were passed by Congress which will affect every person who grows flue-cured tobacco in the coming years. Stabilization will be discussing the 1983 season in detail, and the adjustments made in the tobacco program by this new legislation.

In addition to Stabilization's report, reports will be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; USDA's Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided at the meeting for discussion.

A brief business session will be held following the regular program to elect the Director for the ensuing three-year term on Stabilization's Board to represent District #10 growers. Stabilization's Advisory Committee members from each of the flue-cured tobacco producing counties in the district will be selected at this time also.

Davis added, "Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend Stabilization's meeting in order to get a better understanding of the Cooperative's operation."

John Davis to speak here

Dr. S. John Davis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the Appomattox Elementary School PTA on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30.

Dr. Davis will discuss education reports recently published and their effects on public schools. Following his address a question and answer time is scheduled to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss Virginia's education programs.

All citizens and especially parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

AES menu

Thurs., Jan. 26 - Spaghetti w/meat & cheese sauce, tossed garden salad w/dressing, sliced pears, milk.

Fri., Jan. 27 - Oven battered fish fillet w/catsup, Ford hook lima beans, sliced carrots, hot rolls, fruit cup, milk.

Mon., Jan 30 - Beef steakum w/cheese & pickle chips on bun, green peas, french fries w/catsup, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tues., Feb. 1 - Chicken nuggets, hot rolls w/honey, buttered green peas, sliced peaches, creamy potatoes, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 2 - Sliced turkey w/gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rols, applesauce, milk.

Fri., Feb. 3 - Ravioli casserole w/cheese & beef, buttered peas & carrots, hot rolls, fruit cup, milk.

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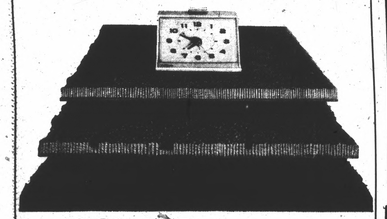

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